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1. INDOCHINA

HOUSE DEM CAUCUS VOTED WEDNESDAY AGAINST MORE MIL AID

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FOR CAMBODIA AND SVN. ABZUG SAID WILL HAVE IMPACT ON  
WHETHER HFAC RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF MORE MIL AID FOR  
GKR LATER THIS WK (CSM). CAUCUS VOTE 189-49 AGAINST MORE  
AID (CHITRIB), VIRTUALLY ENDS CHANCES FOR HOUSE APPROVAL

OF AID BECAUSE ONLY 28 MORE VOTES AGAINST WOULD MAKE MAJORITY. ABOUREZK SAID WILL CALL SENATE DEM CAUCUS TODAY TO ADOPT SAME ANTI-AID RESOLUTION. HOUSE DEM RESOLUTION WAS WORK OF DOVES WHO FEARED RECENT TALK OF COMPROMISE BETWEEN ADMIN AND CONGRESS MIGHT SUCCEED. CAUCUS VOTE NOT BINDING, BUT BELIEVED WILL INFLUENCE MEMBERS (WSJ).

HFA SUBC VOTED 4-3 TO RECOMMEND MIL AID TO GKR ON MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS IF PRES CERTIFIES EACH MONTH US SEEKS UN- OVERSIGHT OF PEACEFUL END TO CONFLICT BEFORE JUNE 30. SUBC RECOMMENDED 82.5 MILLION IN AID (PHINQ). HOUSE SUBC DEFIED CAUCUS, WHOSE MAJORITY MAKES IT UNLIKELY HOUSE WILL AGREE TO MORE AID. EVEN 82.5 MILLION PROPOSED

BY SUBC HEDGED WITH CONDITIONS THAT PRES MIGHT FIND IMPOSSIBLE TO USE IT. MONEY WOULD BE DOLED OUT MONTH-BY-MONTH ONLY IF PRES CERTIFIES US TRYING END WAR, AND GKR TRYING SEEK POLITICAL AND MIL ACCOMMODATION WITH COMMUNISTS. NEW FUNDS NOT PROVIDED UNDER SUBC BILL, SO PRES WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE MIL AID TO OTHERS TO INCREASE IT TO GKR (WSJ).

SUN'S PEPPER SEES EFFECT OF HOUSE ACTION TO MAKE MIL AID TO CAMBODIA - ALREADY POLITICAL HOT POTATO - EVEN HOTTER. NYDN'S WIEGHART QUOTES HOUSE SOURCES THAT 82.5 MILLION DOL COMPROMISE STANDS LITTLE CHANCE OF PASSAGE, AND SENATE SOURCES THAT 125 MILLION BILL APPROVED BY SFR SUBC LIKELY BE DEFEATED BY FULL SENATE. NOTES DESPITE ADVERSE ACTIONS, WH CONTINUED PRESS HARD FOR GKR REQUEST. NYT'S FINNEY QUOTES ALBERT THAT AID BILL WOULD BE DEFEATED IN HOUSE. NOTES PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF CAUCUS WAS TO BLOCK MOVEMENT TOWARD COMPROMISE. BELIEVES SENATE MORE EVENLY DIVIDED THAN HOUSE, BUT MANSFIELD DOES NOT EXPECT IT TO APPROVE MORE AID. WP'S LYONS AND KILPATRICK (ALSO IN GLOBE) NOTE HFA SUBC RECOMMENDATION WILL BE CONSIDERED BY FULL HFAC TODAY, AND THAT SUBC BILL WOULD ALSO GIVE 53.1 UNCLASSIFIED

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MILLION IN FOOD TO GKR DURING NEXT 3 MOS. QUOTE REP DU PONT THAT SUBC BILL REVERSES US POLICY AND PROVIDES THAT MIL AID TO GKR WILL END FOR GOOD ON JUNE 30, AND REP HAMILTON THAT BILL IS ATTEMPT TO CREATE CONTROLLED SITUATION AS HOSTILITIES WIND DOWN. CSM'S STROUT SEES CONGRESS UNSURE AND DIVIDED, TAKING COURSE LIKELY TO APPLY "VETO OF DELAY" TO PRES' PLEAS FOR FAST ACTION, AND IN EFFECT NOW DIRECTING FOREIGN POLICY WHILE TORN BETWEEN SHARP, RIVAL CLAIMS. NOTES OFTEN WHEN CONGRESS DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO, IT DELAYS.

SEN JACKSON PROPOSED PRES SEND MANSFIELD TO MEET WITH SIHANOUK IN CHINA IN EFFORT SEAT NEW GOVT IN CAMBODIA.

LATTER INDICATED HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH BID (PHINQ). WH SPOKESMAN REACTED "COOLY" TO PROPOSAL TO SEND MANSFIELD TO CHINA (CHITRIB). NYDN'S WIEGHART SAYS WH "THREW COLD WATER" ON JACKSON'S SUGGESTION. FINNEY QUOTES WH'S HUSHEN THAT PROBLEM IS "NOT A LACK OF CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS." WP'S LYONS AND KILPATRICK QUOTE NESSEN THAT GKR READY TO NEGOTIATE BUT NOBODY ON OTHER SIDE HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DO SO. SUN'S CLYMER SAYS WH BRUSHED OFF SUGGESTION TO SEND MANSFIELD. QUOTES JACKSON'S RATIONALE THAT TO PUT TOGETHER COALITION, MUST HAVE SIHANOUK'S SUPPORT AND NEW GOVT HAS TO HAVE CHINESE SUPPORT. MANSFIELD CONFIRMED HE HAD TALKED TO JACKSON ABOUT IDEA, BUT CONTENTED UP TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH DECIDE WHAT TO DO.

NYT'S GELB SEES FEAR OF CAMBODIAN BLOODBATH AS KEY TO SENATE VOTE ON AID. CITES CHANGE-OF-MIND BY JAVITS. BELIEVES ADMIN PINS HOPES FOR EXTRA MIL AID ON THIS ARGUMENT; QUOTES SENATE AIDE THAT FALLING DOMINOS AND LOSS OF US CREDIBILITY HAVEN'T MEANT MUCH FOR LONG TIME.

LON NOL SWORE IN GEN SAK SUT SAKHAN AS NEW FANK COMMANDER, AND LONG BORET EXPECTED ANNOUNCE NEW CABINET WITHIN 2 DAYS (AP, NYDN). MARSHAL ON RADIO SAID CHANGE NECESSARY FOR RESTRUCTURING OF ARMY (PHINQ). SPECULATION THAT LEADERSHIP CHANGES WERE START OF SHAKE-UP THAT COULD RESULT IN EXIT OF LON NOL (AP, SUN). CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN PP FINDS NO HARD EVIDENCE THAT EITHER LON NOL OR LONG BORET UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL RESIGN ANY TIME SOON (EXCERPTED IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). WP'S GREENWAY IN PP DESCRIBES FERNANDEZ CRYING AT CHANGE OF COMMAND, GIVES VIGNETTES OF RAGTAG FANK AROUND CAPITAL. NYT'S ANDELMAN IN PP NOTES GKR PROSPECTIVE CHANGES INTERPRETED AS GESTURES TO ASSUAGE LEADERS WHO HAVE CALLED FOR LON NOL'S OUSTER. POINTS OUT SAK SUT SAKHAN'S FORMER CONNECTION WITH SIHANOUK HAS LED SOME W OFFICIALS TO SPECULATE CHANGE OF COMMAND MIGHT BE DIRECTED AS MUCH TO REBELS AS TO CONGRESS.

GLOBE'S STORIN IN PP DESCRIBES DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS IN HOSPITALS AND REFUGEE CAMPS AS "MISERY FLOWS DAILY INTO THIS CITY." NYDN CENTER-FOLDS AP AND UPI PHOTOS OF MISERY IN PP AND ACTIVITY AT AIRPORT WITH HEADING "THE LAST DAYS OF PHNOM PENH?"

INSURGENT BOMBARDMENT OF PP AIRPORT GAINING IN ACCURACY (PHINQ). POCHENTONG SUBJECTED TO 8TH DAY OF INTENSIVE SHELLING. GKR OPERATION AGAINST "ROCKET BELT" NW OF AIRFIELD BOGGED DOWN BY HEAVY ENEMY FIRE AND MINES. IN BATTAMBANG, SOURCES SAID CHINESE MERCHANTS FLEE CITY FOR THAI BORDER (AP SUN, NYDN, GLOBE; PHINQ).

HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED ALONG MEKONG NEAR NEAK LUONG. W MIL OBSERVERS SAY GKR WILL TRY TOMORROW TO CLEAR OUT ROCKET POCKET THAT BOMBARDS PP'S AIRPORT (ANDELMAN, NYT).

NYT'S SCHANBERG FROM PP DOES LENGTHY PIECE ON ENIGMATIC KHMER INSURGENTS, NOTES COMMUNISTS APPEAR DOMINATE DIVERSE GROUP, GIVES HISTORY OF INSURGENCY NOW FAIRLY UNIFIED, CENTRALLY DIRECTED ORGANIZATION (EXCERPTED IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

VC GUNNERS SHOT DOWN COMMERCIAL AIRLINER; ALL ABOARD REPORTED LOST, INCLUDING POSSIBLY 4 AMERICANS (PHINQ). PLANE, WITH CREW OF 6 AND 19 PASSENGERS,

DOWNED NEAR PLEIKU. WAS DC-4 ENROUTE FROM VIENTIANE TO SAIGON (NYDN). AMERICANS IDENTIFIED AS R. SEIDL, ED DOLAN, J. LOUIS, AND G. MILLER (AP PHINQ, SUN). DOLAN AND SEIDL WERE EMPLOYEES OF MOORE BUSINESS FORMS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF DC, MILLER WAS AID OFFICIAL. AUSTRALIAN CHARGE IN HANOI, GRAHAM LEWIS, ALSO DIED IN CRASH (WP). LEWIS AT FIRST REPORTED AMCIT (UPI, GLOBE). NYT'S MARKHAM IN SAIGON REPORTS PLANE CRASHED 15 MILES SW OF PLEIKU. QUOTES AIR VN OFFICIALS THAT CAUSE OF CRASH UNDERTERMINED, THOUGH SOME INFORMANTS SAID APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN.

SVN DISTRICT TOWN 40 MILES FROM SAIGON, 5TH IN 5 DAYS, FALLS TO COMMUNISTS AS OFFENSIVE IN HIGHLANDS CONTINUES CENTER ON BAN ME THUOT (PHINQ; CSM). NINE AMCITS STILL TRAPPED IN BAN ME THUOT AS FIGHTING RAGES. NVA CAPTURE OF DISTRICT TOWN NEAR SAIGON CONSOLIDATES POSITION IN AREA N OF CAPITAL AND INCREASE THREAT TO TAY NINH (AP, SUN). GVN ORDERED VNAF BOMB TANKS IN STREETS OF BAN ME THUOT, WARNED CIVILIANS STAY IN HOMES (NYDN). GVN CALLS BAN ME THUOT SITUATION "MORE FAVORABLE," BUT OTHER SOURCES TERM IT DESPERATE. CAMPAIGN IN HIGHLANDS GIVES NVA CONTROL OF ALL OVERLAND SUPPLY ROUTES; EXPERTS THINK IF GVN FAILS REOPEN ROADS SOON, AIRLIFT TO SUPPLY CITIES IN AREA WOULD STRAIN VNAF (WP). GVN DECLARES GENL MOBILIZATION, PUTTING ALL MALES 17-43 ON CALL FOR MIL SERVICE (UPI, GLOBE).

NYT'S MARKHAM REVIEWS MIL SITUATION, CITES REPORTS THAT NVA HAS RELIED ON DEMOLITION BATTALION SUPPORTED BY TANKS IN BAN ME THUOT, AND HOLDING BACK LARGE NUMBERS OF TROOPS WAITING FOR GVN TO MAKE NEXT MOVE. QUOTES ANALYSTS THAT AT PRESENT REMAINS UNCERTAIN WHETHER NVA WANTS TAKE BAN ME THUOT, DRAW ARVN INTO

HEAVY BATTLE, OR FORCE GVN PULL TROOPS FROM OTHER FRONTS.

SUN'S CORDDRY QUOTES ANALYSTS THAT GVN SHOULD BE ABLE TURN BACK NVA WAVE OF ATTACKS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT LOSSES OF TERRITORY AND POPULATION (EXCERPTED IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GROUP OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS CALLS ON PRES TO WITHDRAW REQUEST FOR MORE MIL AID TO INDOCHINA, CHALLENGES UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEAL TO MORALITY IN ASKING CONGRESS APPROVE FUNDS (CHITRIB). 25 PROT, RC AND JEWISH LEADERS DENOUNCED

CONTINUED MIL AID TO SVN AND CAMBODIA AS IMMORAL, URGED DEFEAT OF SUPPLEMENTAL, IN STATEMENT SENT PRES AND CONGRESSMEN (NYT).

## 2. CHINA

PEOPLE'S DAILY ACCUSES INDIA OF EXPANSIONIST ANNEXATION OF KASHMIR, SIKKIM, AND HARBORING NEPALESE DISSIDENTS. ARTICLE INDICATES CHINESE MEDIA RETURN TO HOSTILE TONE TOWARD INDIA, APPARENTLY DASHING HOPES OF SINO-INDIAN SETTLEMENT (CSM).

NYT'S BARMASH (MAR 8) REPORTS PRC TRADE MISSION IN US VISITED NY TEXTILE/FASHION SHOWROOMS IN HOPE OF GAINING US KNOW-HOW AND BUILDING TWO-WAY TRADE. GROUP HAS MADE NO DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS, BUT HAS MADE COMMITMENTS TO INCREASE GRADUALLY CHINA'S IMPORTS OF US TEXTILE FIBERS. FIVE MEMBER MISSION, EXPECTED TO BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS REPRESENTING OTHER INDUSTRIES, SENT BY PEKING TO BROADEN KNOWLEDGE OF US MARKET AND DEVELOP INFO LEADING TO GREATER RECIPROCAL TEXTILES TRADE. GROUP REPORTEDLY SAID PRC 3-5 YEARS AWAY FROM DEALING SIGNIFICANTLY WITH US. BUT ITS US MISSION DREW OPPOSITION OF SOME DOMESTIC TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS. VISITORS SOUGHT AVOID AROUSING ANY CONTROVERSY BY CANCELING VISITS TO SOUTHERN TEXTILE PLANTS.

TEN THOUSAND GROC, CIVIL GROUP REPS BRAVED DOWNPOUR WEDNESDAY TO TAKE PART IN CEREMONY HONORING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUN YAT-SEN'S DEATH (NYT).

## 3. JAPAN

TANAKA FILES REVISED PERSONAL INCOME TAX REPORT FOR 1971-73, PAYS 130,000 DOLS, ACCORDING TAX OFFICE (WP). CSM CITES TOKYO PRESS REPORTS TANAKA PAID 197,000 DOLS.

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NYT'S MALCOLM IN GIRDWOOD, ALASKA, DESCRIBES SIGNIFICANT SIGNS OF GROWING ORIENTAL INFLUENCE IN ALASKA; NOTES CONSIDERABLE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN SEAFOOD PROCESSING PLANTS, TIMBER, PULP. JAL HEAVIEST USER OF ANCHORAGE AIRPORT, WITH 70 FLIGHTS WK, OVERNIGHTS 120 CREWMEN IN TOWN, EVERY NIGHT. ADDS ALASKA CAN SHIP RESOURCES TO JAPAN CHEAPER THAN WEST COAST PORTS, BECAUSE US LAW REQUIRES MORE EXPENSIVE AMERICAN CREWS IN COASTAL SHIPPING.

NYT'S HALLORAN VISITS KYOTO, DESCRIBES ANCIENT CAPITAL

"EFFETE BARREN CITY" JAPAN LEFT BEHIND, WHERE PEOPLE SAID TO LIVE "IN TORPID PAST," PROUD BUT BITTER. RESIDENTS RETAIN "DEEP ANTIPATHY" TO CONSERVATIVE ESTABLISHMENT WHICH MOVED CAPITAL TO TOKYO IN 1868, SHOWN BY 25-YEAR INCUMBENCY OF LEFTIST GOV NINAGAWA, AND ELECTION OF LEFTIST MAYOR WITH COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST SUPPORT. ALSO LEADERS OF RED ARMY, SIMILAR RADICAL BANDS COME FROM KYOTO'S RADICAL CAMPUSES.

#### 4. KOREA

UPI SAYS EX-IM BANK WEDNESDAY WITHDREW REQUEST FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF SK NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PROJECT. ACTION CAME WHEN SEN STEVENSON SCHEDULED INTL FINANCE SUBC HEARING ON RESOLUTION DEFERRING APPROVAL UNTIL CONGRESS REVIEWS ADEQUACY OF DOMESTIC, INTL NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS (NYDN, WP).

WP (SEOUL) SAYS DONG-A ILBO MISSED THURSDAY EDITION AS 150 NEWSMEN STRIKE AGAINST RECENT "LAY-OFF" OF 20 COLLEAGUES. NOTES JOURNALISTS' ASSN OF KOREA CHARGES IN LETTER TO INTL FEDERATION JOURNALISTS IN BRUSSELS "JOURNALISM IN SOUTH KOREA IS ON THE VERGE OF STRANGULATION."

NYT (SEOUL) SAYS DONG-A ILBO PUBLISHED HALF-SIZE PAPER THURSDAY, SIX HOURS LATE, PRINTED IN ANOTHER PLANT, AS NEWSMEN TAKE OVER PRESSES TO BLOCK COMPROMISE WITH ROKG THEY FEAR PUBLISHER KIM SANG MAN MAY MAKE.  
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KIM FIRED 17 MORE NEWSMEN, FOR CHALLENGING HIS PREROGATIVES. NATL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (PROTESTANT) DECLARED WOULD PAY SALARIES OF 20 NEWSMEN, IF ACTUALLY DISMISSED FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY, AS CLAIMED (USIA

WIRELESS FILE 3/13).

HEARST'S FREIDIN IN LONDON OBSERVES "RIGIDLY-STALINIST" NK DIGGING TOE-HOLD IN ME AND MED, TO DISCOMFITURE OF US, CHINA AND SOVIET. ALREADY ENTRENCHED IN SYRIA AND OIL-RICH LIBYA, NK MOVED OTHER DAY INTO MALTA, TO RETRAIN UNEMPLOYED, GIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. FREIDIN STATES LATEST MOVE "REALLY SHOOK UP" WESTERN STRATEGISTS, ADDS "ANOTHER HEADACHE" FOR NATO(BALT N-A MAR 12).

#### 5. THAILAND

REUTER (BANGKOK) SAYS ASSEMBLY THURSDAY ELECTED KUKRIT PRAMOJ PM, WITH 135 VOTES IN 269-SEAT HOUSE. KING EXPECTED CONFIRM LATER IN DAY. SURPRISE, LAST-MINUTE

CANDIDATE, SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER COL SOMKID SRISANGKOM GOT 59 VOTES (WP).

#### 6. AUSTRALIA

GOA IMPOSES IMPORT QUOTAS ON REFRIGERATORS, WASHERS, DRYERS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, IN LATEST MOVE PROTECT DOMESTIC INDUSTRY (JOC-SYDNEY).

GOA WEDNESDAY RELAXED GUIDELINES FOR OIL EXPLORATION BY NON-AUSSIE FIRMS; WHITLAM RESTATED GOAL OF AUSSIE PARTICIPATION, BUT NOT NECESSARY FOR FOREIGN FIRMS TO OFFER PUBLIC, PRIVATE INTERESTS "EVERY REASONABLE" OPPORTUNITY DO SO UNTIL PROVING STAGE (JOC-CANBERRA).

BROWN (SPECIAL TO CSM) IN CANBERRA FINDS AUSSIES QUESTION PRESENT PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM. OPPOSITION CONTINUES FRUSTRATE "MORE CONTENTIOUS" ALP BILLS IN SENATE, AND PARLIAMENT CLEARLY NOT FUNCTIONING AS FOUNDING FATHERS INTENDED AND PEOPLE WISH. SOME ALP UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORTERS PROPOSE LET OPPOSITION AGAIN "REFUSE SUPPLY" (NOT APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PAY CIVIL SERVANTS, SOCIAL SERVICES) HOPEFULLY "BRINGING OPPROBRIUM" DOWN ON OPPOSITION. OBSERVES WHITLAM MAY YET TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISUNITY TO CALL ELECTION.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 7. INDOCHINA

JOHN LOFTON IN PHINQ SAYS SEN. MANSFIELD'S CONFUSED WHEN HE SAYS KILLING IN SEASIA IS DUE US ARMS. RECOUNTS CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR'S OFFICE WHICH

PRODUCED NO BACKUP FOR CHARGE. CHECK OF DOD AND PRESS SHOWS PRIMARY INSTRUMENTS OF DEATH ARE COMMUNIST. SAYS THIS PROVES IRRATIONALITY OF VN DEBATE "ONLY IMPORTANT THING IS TO GET OUT".

JAMES MCCARTNEY IN PHINQ SAYS FIVE NSC OFFICERS WARNED HAK IN 1970 THAT US INCURSION INTO CAMBODIA WOULD PRODUCE CURRENT DISASTER. THESE FIVE INCLUDE LAKE,

MORRIS, WATTS, LYNN AND LORD. QUOTES LAKE AND MORRIS ON DETAILS OF MEMO WRITTEN IN APRIL 1970 IN WHICH ALL FIVE OPPOSED INCURSION.

JOSEPH C. HARSCH IN CSM SAYS IF CAMBODIA FALLS IT WOULD MEAN DEFEAT FOR US BUT NOT NECESSARILY VICTORY FOR MOSCOW ALTHOUGH, IF SIHANOUK RETURNS, CHINESE LIKELY TO BE ULTIMATE VICTORS. SAYS IF THIS CASE, RUSSIANS HAVE MORE TO WORRY ABOUT THAN DO WE. CONCLUDES THAT US MUCH MORE STABLE NATION THAN SOVIETS. LATTER COULD FALL APART SOMEDAY IN WAKE OF CHINESE PRESSURES.

CITING PRES FORD'S RECENT WARNING AGAINST ABANDONING "OUR (CAMBODIAN) ALLIES," AND IMPORTANCE OF STOPPING AGGRESSION, FURGURSON (WSTAR MARCH 12) SAYS: "GOD, HOW HOPELESSLY OLD-FASHIONED. HOW EAGLE SCOUTISH, HOW REDOLENT OF THE LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE, LEND LEASE, BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN, THE BERLIN AIRLIFT, THE PUSAN PERIMETER, THE IA DRANG VALLEY. AND HOW TRUE," AT UNCLASSIFIED

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LEAST FOR AMERICANS WHO CAN SEE BACK BEYOND 1968 AND FORWARD BEYOND 1975. MAINTAINS EVEN IF PP FALL CAN BE POSTPONED ONLY BRIEFLY, WHATEVER US SENT, THERE STILL IS SOLID JUSTIFICATION FOR SENDING IT. WOULD CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE TO WORLD US STILL DOES NOT TURN AWAY FROM ALLIES JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE SURROUNDED AND OUTNUMBERED; AND WOULD ASSURE THAT WHEN CAMBODIA DOES GO, CANNOT BE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE US RENEGED ON COMMITMENT.

KRAFT INSISTS THERE'S NO REASON TO BELIEVE LON NOL GOVT CAN EVER RIGHT MIL BALANCE TO POINT OF MAKING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE. MAINTAINS KHMER ROUGE REBELS HAVE AT LEAST AS GOOD CLAIM TO LEGITIMACY AS LON NOL. CONGRESS HAS READ SITUATION WELL, HAS UNDERSTOOD RIGHT WAY TO SETTLEMENT IS THROUGH CHANGE IN PP REGIME. RESULT WILL BE LEFT-WING GOVT LIKELY TO AGGRAVATE EVEN FURTHER ALREADY ABUNDANT STRAINS AMONG HANOI, PEKING, MOSCOW (GLOBE).

LAT'S LESLIE, IN PP, SAYS SAFE TO SAY IF CONGRESS REFUSES AID, FANK WILL RUN OUT OF AMMO BEFORE RAINY SEASON TAKES EFFECT. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, CONGRESSIONAL



"NO" DECISION WOULD SIGNAL END TO US SUPPORT OF LON NOL REGIME. MIGHT THEN BECOME DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE PP TROOPS TO FIGHT ANY MORE; SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT CHANGES LEADING TO INSURGENTS' TAKEOVER WOULD THEN TAKE PLACE.

GREENWAY (WP), IN PP, SAYS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY EXACTLY WHEN GKR WILL RUN OUT OF AMMO IF CONGRESS WITHHOLDS

ADDITIONAL FUNDS, AND BOTH AMEMBASSY AND ADMIN "MAY HAVE BEEN CRYING WOLF" ABOUT GUNS FALLING SILENT BEFORE END OF MONTH. BUT WOLF NO LESS REAL, EVEN THOUGH STOCKPILES MAY BE GREATER THAN PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED. NEGATIVE VOTE COULD SEE MIL SITUATION DETERIORATE AS MORALE AND PROBABLY SOLDIERS THEMSELVES BEGAN MELTING AWAY.

WSTAR'S BRADSHER SAYS ADMIN OPTIMISM THAT GKR CAN SURVIVE WITH MORE US MIL AID IS SHOWING SAME CRUMBLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNS INDICATED BY REPORTS FROM PP (MARCH 12).

NYT CITES PROPOSAL FLOATED IN WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY THAT MANSFIELD MIGHT, ON FORD REQUEST, UNDERTAKE PEKING MISSION TO MEET WITH SIHANOUK. NEED FOR SUCH UNORTHODOX DIPLOMATIC EXERCISE IS DAMNING INDICTMENT OF TRADITIONAL DIPLOMACY RE CAMBODIA OVER YEARS PAST (EXCERPTED IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). WIRELESS FILE ALSO EXCERPTS SAFIRE CONTENTION THAT THOSE URGING "TRANSFER OF POWER" IN CAMBODIA ARE ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT GKR "SURRENDER."

#### 8. INDOCHINA/CHINA

NYT'S LEWIS CONTINUES DEBATE WITH ALSOP WHETHER LATTER'S 1950 ARTICLES HELPED UNDERMINE CKS NATIONALIST REGIME; MAINTAINS ALSOP HELPED CREATE MYTH THAT AMERICANS "LOST CHINA." NOTES ALSOP POWERFUL ADVOCATE OF US INTERVENTION THAT LEAD TO "AMERICAN DISASTER" IN INDOCHINA, AND SUGGESTS "SOME DAY OUR ILLUSION OF OMNIPOTENCE MUST END IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA AS IT DID IN CHINA."

#### 9. CHINA

ZORZA (WP) CONCLUDES THAT ABUSE NOW BEING HEAPED AGAIN ON "LIN PIAO ANTI-PARTY CLIQUE" MEANS OPPOSITION HAS WELL-DEFINED OBJECTIVE, AND THAT THOSE DIRECTING CAMPAIGN AGAINST IT ARE CONCERNED AT APPEAL OPPOSITION'S PROGRAM MAY HAVE. RECENT YAO WEN-YUAN ARTICLE SUGGESTS CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONCE AGAIN BEING DECEIVED BY NEW LIN, AND HINTS CHOU IS CULPRIT WHO, WITH TENG HSIAO-PING, IS

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF WEAK, AGED MAO. SEES YAO  
ARTICLE AS WARNING LEFT WILL NOT ACQUIESCE IN  
SITUATION.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S BURNS, IN PEKING, SAYS  
CERTAIN PREROGATIVES OF AUTHORITY "HAVE BECOME  
QUITE COMMONPLACE" IN PRC -- CURTAINED LIMOUSINES,  
SUMPTUOUS BANQUETS, EXCLUSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,  
ACCESS TO SPECIAL SHOPS, PRIVILEGED SEATING ON TRAINS  
AND AIRCRAFT, SALARIES 5-10 TIMES THAT OF AVERAGE  
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CHINESE WORKER. THESE PRACTICES THROWN INTO SHARP  
RELIEF BY RECENT SERIES OF CHINESE PRESS ARTICLES  
DECLAIMING AGAINST UNNAMED PERSONS INSIDE CCP OUT TO  
ADOPT "BOURGEOIS MODE OF LIFE."

WHEN QUERIED BY FOREIGNERS ON WHOLE MATTER OF PRIVILEGE,  
CADRE MEN TYPICALLY WILL SAY IT IS ALL ON BASIS OF  
NEED -- IF THEY HAVE IMPORTANT WORK, THEY MUST DRESS  
ACCORDINGLY; IN TRAVELLING, THEY MUST HAVE PRIVACY TO  
DO WORK, ETC. MOST THEY WILL ALLOW, WHEN PRESSED, IS  
THAT ANY INEQUALITIES GOING BEYOND NEED ARE REFLECTION  
OF "HISTORICAL STAGE" THROUGH WHICH CHINA IS PASSING --  
REVOLUTION NOT YET COMPLETE, AND IN INTERVAL CERTAIN  
FLAWS, INEQUALITIES, CAN BE EXPECTED, THAT FINALLY WILL  
BE ELIMINATED ONLY WITH ADVENT OF PURE COMMUNISM  
(CSM MAR 12).

NYT'S WEILER CREDITS SHIRLEY MACLAINE WITH "PROFESSIONAL,  
IF NOT FULFILLING" JOB IN HER PRC DOCUMENTARY ("THE  
OTHER HALF OF THE SKY"), FILMED DURING 1973 CHINA VISIT  
WITH WOMEN'S GROUP AND SCREENED WEDNESDAY AT NY WHITNEY  
MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART. FINDS HER RECORD OF THREE WEEKS,  
2,000 MILES OF TRAVEL, "PICTURESQUE, AUTHENTIC AND  
SINCERE BUT UNFORTUNATELY NO MORE INCLUSIVE OF ALL POINTS  
OF VIEW THAN THOSE OF THE COMPARATIVELY FEW, UNIFORMLY  
CONTENTED, INDUSTRIOUS CHINESE WHO APPEAR ON FILM."  
THERE IS DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL/POLITICAL ISSUES WITH  
TEN YING-CHAO, WHICH UNFOLDS AS RARE AND EFFECTIVE  
CLOSE-UP OF CHOU'S WIFE; HOWEVER, NOWHERE IS THERE  
INDICATION OF CRIME, POVERTY, DEPRIVATION OR UNHAPPINESS  
AMONG PRC'S 800 MILLION.

CSM'S STERRITT ALSO FINDS MACLAINE FILM "FASCINATING,"  
PACKING "MULTIPLE WALLOP -- FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT  
CHINA, EMOTIONAL INSIGHTS" INTO CHINESE AND "MOVING  
NEW VIEW" OF FEMALE EXPERIENCE FELT BY WOMEN "UNDER  
BOTH HALVES" OF SKY. FOR STERRITT, FILM EXPOSES AND  
EXPLORES MANY APPARENT SOCIAL INEQUITIES WITHIN CHINESE  
SYSTEM, THOUGH EMPHASIS ON HUMAN SIMILARITIES, NOT  
GOVT DIFFERENCES.

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NCUSCT'S PHILLIPS TOLD SEATTLE TRADE CONFERENCE (FEB 26) TWO-WAY US-PRC TRADE PROBABLY WILL FALL ABOUT 40 PERCENT THIS YEAR FROM ESTIMATED 922 MILLION DOLS IN 1974. SAID EXPECTED DROP-OFF EXPLANABLE IN TERMS OF AGRICULTURE. PHILLIPS SAID OBSTACLES TO INCREASED SINO-US TRADE INCLUDE ABSENCE MFN TRADING STATUS FOR PEKING AND LACK OF CHINESE KNOWLEDGE OF US BUSINESS, MARKETING PRACTICES. EA'S GLEYSTEN IDENTIFIED FROZEN ASSETS CLAIMS AS ANOTHER OBSTACLE; BUT ADDED NEITHER SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS NOR OF MFN ISSUE WILL RESULT IN "QUANTUM" LEAP FORWARD IN MUTUAL TRADE. INDICATED THAT IN TERMS OF US FOREIGN POLICY, MERE EXISTENCE OF SINO-US TRADING RELATIONSHIP MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN GROWTH OF TRADING VOLUME; ADDED THAT PRC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WILL PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN DETERMING TRADE VOLUMES. HARVARD'S DWIGHT PERKINS TOLD SEMINAR CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE LIKELY WILL INCREASE AT RATE EQUAL TO GNP GROWTH (PARKS, SEATTLE TIMES FEB 27). INGERSOLL

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